DOCUMENT RESUME

ED 394 671 PS 024 076

AUTHOR Curtis, Patrick A.; And Others
TITLE Child Abuse and Neglect: A Look at the States. CWLA Stat Book.
INSTITUTION Child Welfare League of America, Inc., Washington, DC.
REPORT NO ISBN-0-87868-628-2
PUB DATE 95
NOTE 163p.
AVAILABLE FROM Child Welfare League of America, Inc., 440 First Street, N.W., Suite 310, Washington, DC 20001-2085 ($26.95; discount on 10 or more copies).
PUB TYPE Statistical Data (110) -- Books (010)

EDRS PRICE Document Not Available from EDRS.
DESCRIPTORS Adoption; *Child Abuse; *Child Neglect; *Children; *Child Welfare; Foster Care; Policy Formation; Poverty; Prevention; Program Budgeting; *Public Policy; Residential Programs; State Programs
IDENTIFIERS Child Welfare League of America

ABSTRACT

Designed to provide a basis for sound child welfare policy decisions, this book presents current state and national data, as well as data from many cities and counties, on child maltreatment. The six chapters in the book present statistics on: (1) child abuse and neglect, including child abuse fatalities; (2) out-of-home care; (3) adoption; (4) finance and administration of child welfare organizations; (5) risk factors; and (6) possibilities for prevention. Chapter one draws attention to the use of different definitions of neglect and abuse, and investigation procedures by states. Chapter two describes various forms of out-of-home care. Chapter three discusses different types of adoption, all of which provide permanence for children. Chapter four illustrates the expenditures incurred by different states to safeguard and maintain child well-being. The fifth chapter focuses on the condition of poverty as a factor in child maltreatment. The last chapter considers current strategies that are used to prevent child abuse and neglect, as well as the issue of corporal punishment. Most of the data are presented in graphic formats and tables, which are meant to illustrate the wide variations in how states are addressing child abuse and neglect, not to judge the effectiveness of one state compared to another. (BA)

****
* Reproductions supplied by EDRS are the best that can be made *
* from the original document. *
****